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What an exciting week we have had watching the new trim trail being installed. The children are itching to have a go! We are extremely grateful to FoDS and all of our families who have made this improvement to our outdoor space possible.

The excitement has continued as I am now able to announce that children from F2 to Y6 will have the opportunity to attend a whole school theatre visit to watch 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Storyhouse in Chester. A letter detailing all information has been sent out separately. This plans to be a magical occasion and experience for all. F1 will also be having a very special day here at school so watch this space!

The Dawpool sporting talents have continued to shine this week. I couldn't resist popping into the Year 5 athletics lesson and I feel we may have some future athletes amongst us. Their dedication and attention to detail was evident in their techniques and they taught me a thing or two. Some children in Year 2 visited Activity for All and had an amazing time. It certainly sounds like fun was had by all.

"I love going to Activity for All because we did push ups and I like doing those." William A

"I liked spidertag as I got to be Spiderman and tagged Henry. It was really fun!" Reuben

"My favourite part was when we had to run and then pick up a card and it told you what exercise to do. You had to do it for 30 seconds. My favourite was the splats!" Asher

I have been busy in many meetings this week and have spent time discussing our curriculum with Leanne Shaw from CDAT. We are keen to provide a bespoke curriculum that is perfect for the children at Dawpool. I will be seeking pupils' and parents' views too so we can gain a true picture of what we want our children to know, feel, experience and question.



As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we would like to undertake a fun and meaningful challenge with the children.

With your help, we'd love to create a giant cereal box domino trail through the school – a fun, visual way to mark Harvest time and support a very important cause.

To make this happen, we're asking each child to bring in one box of unopened cereal to school by Monday 20th October. Once we've collected the boxes, we'll set up our domino rally and let the children enjoy the excitement of watching it topple through school!

All cereal boxes will then be donated to the Wirral Foodbank, helping to support families in need within our local community. This challenge not only promises to be lots of fun, but also provides a great opportunity to talk with the children about the importance of giving and supporting others.

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Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We can't wait to see the domino rally in action!

I think there will be lots of us sleeping well tonight after the FoDS disco! What a great start to everyone's weekend - enjoy!

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books from Wirral Safeguarding Partnership

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from

circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

In school, we have removed these books from our library.

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

NEXT WEEK **Monday 13th October**

Cross Country at Arrow Park

Tuesday 14th October

Wednesday 15th October

Forest School for Y1

3.30-4.30 pm Chess Club

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Thursday 16th October

Friday 17th October

Lunchtime Violin Club

Parents' Evenings for **Years 1-6** will take place on the 14th and 15th October.

Dates for your Diary

11th December Carol Service for Y3-5 St Chads

15th December Christingle for Y6 St Bartholomew's

The dates for the EYFS and KS1 Christmas events have yet to be confirmed.



Year 2 spoke with real enthusiasm to some visitors to school on Wednesday after their Forest School session. I think it is fair to say they had a fantastic afternoon. I wish they had told me earlier about the hammocks - I'd have loved to have a go!

"We made dens and climbed trees. I loved that."
Mollie

"I liked making swings because I like to swing high."
Rosanna

"I loved the hammock because I got to swing in it between the trees and we got to take turns."
Hermione

Next week will be Year 1's turn for fun at Forest School.

Open Morning

We are excited to invite prospective parents and carers to our **Open Morning** on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 13th November for children due to start in **Foundation 1 (Nursery)** and **Foundation 2 (Reception)** in September 2026. Open mornings will be at 9.30am and 11am.

Come along and see our fantastic Early Years setting in action! There will be an opportunity to:

- Tour the learning environments
- Meet our friendly staff
- Ask questions about our curriculum and daily routines
- Learn about how we support children as they begin their school journey

Please contact the school office to book your appointment on 0151 648 3412. We look forward to meeting you.

Cross Country

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Our final cross-country event takes place on Monday 13th October at Arrowe Park. If your child is taking part, you may pick them up at 3.15pm for the 4pm start.



Wednesday - KS2 chess club.

Friday-Cross-country lunchtime club Y4 5 & 6.

Friday-Violin Club Y3-6

Exercise caution on School Lane

Please could we remind parents to exercise care when pulling into School Lane particularly during drop off and pick up times. Please also play close attention to our lollipop lady who is there to ensure children cross safely. Please follow her signals at all times.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

School Photographs

Please could any photograph orders be returned by next Friday. Thank you.



FoDS News

Junior FoDS

In order to provide an opportunity for our children to develop their leadership skills, children in Years 3 to

6 will have the opportunity to apply to become one of our first Junior FoDS members. This will be a great opportunity for the children to be more involved in the fundraising for school and get an input into what the money raised is used for.

Information will be shared with the children next week.

It has been very exciting to see the outdoor equipment being built this week and we are looking forward to all the children being able to make use of this at playtimes.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 23rd October** to discuss the events in the run up to Christmas. We would love for you to be involved so please come along to the Anchor Inn Irby at 7pm.

Autumn Disco

Thank you to all those who donated cakes and helped at this evening's disco. It was so lovely to see all the children having such a lovely time.

These events couldn't go ahead without the much needed help of volunteers and the wonderful staff at school – thank you

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

JUNIOR FODS

FoDS

Friends of Dawpool School (FoDS) are looking to recruit a team of students to help with all our planning and fundraising activities.

SKILLS NEEDED

- Enthusiasm.
- Full of ideas.
- Happy working in a team.
- Excited to raise money for school.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

- Brainstorm Ideas.
- Organise Events.
- Raise money for school.
- Influence how funds are spent.

APPLY NOW

CAMPS

THUNDER

OCTOBER HALF TERM NETBALL CAMPS

ON SALE NOW

THUNDERNETBALL.CO.UK/CAMPS

Santa Comes to Irby Friday 28th November

Many events are planned for Friday 28th November when Santa visits Irby. The light switch on is due at 6.15pm.

CHURCH NEWS

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Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sunday 12th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am 10.30 am All Age Communion at St Chad's
Sunday 19th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bart's
Sunday 26th Oct	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Bible Sunday	10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

For more information about Services and events at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:

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